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MANDARIN ORIENTAL HOTEL GROUP ANNOUNCES GENERAL MANAGER APPOINTMENTS IN ASIA

Hong Kong, 24 March 2016 – <u>Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group</u> has announced new General Manager appointments for hotels in Hong Kong, Taipei and Tokyo.

Anthony Costa has been appointed General Manager of <u>Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong</u>. Mr Costa began his career with the Group as Resident Manager of Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong in January 2007. He was General Manager of The Landmark Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong for five years before moving to the helm of Mandarin Oriental, Tokyo. During his tenure, the hotel became the first and only hotel in Japan to be awarded the prestigious Forbes Five-Star rating by the annual Forbes Travel Guide Awards.

Paul Jones has succeeded Anthony Costa as General Manager of <u>Mandarin Oriental, Tokyo</u>. With more than 30 years of experience in the hospitality industry, Mr Jones embarked on his career with Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group in 2005 as Hotel Manager of Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok. In 2008, he was appointed General Manager of Mandarin Oriental, Singapore before leaving to oversee the launch of Mandarin Oriental, Taipei in 2012 where he has positioned the hotel as one of most iconic luxury properties in the region.

Michael Ziemer moves from The Excelsior, Hong Kong to succeed Paul Jones as General Manager of <u>Mandarin Oriental, Taipei</u>. With more than 30 years of hospitality experience, Mr Ziemer joined Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group in 2003 as Resident Manager of Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong. He was appointed General Manager of Mandarin Oriental, Munich in September 2004, returning to Asia in 2007 to oversee the rebranding of Mandarin Oriental, Macau to Grand Lapa, Macau. Michael transferred to The Excelsior, Hong Kong as General Manager in February 2010. With many years of valuable experience in key locations, Michael is well positioned for his important new role in Taipei. Mr Ziemer's successor at The Excelsior will be announced in due course.



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"I am delighted to announce these senior management appointments," said Richard Baker, Executive Vice President, Operations Director – Asia. "Each General Manager brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to their respective roles, which will no doubt ensure their continued success."

About Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group

Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group is the award-winning owner and operator of some of the most luxurious hotels, resorts and residences. Having grown from a well-respected Asian hotel company into a global brand, the Group now operates, or has under development, 46 hotels representing 11,000 rooms in 24 countries, with 21 hotels in Asia, nine in The Americas and 16 in Europe, Middle East and North Africa. In addition, the Group operates or has under development, 15 *Residences at Mandarin Oriental* connected to its properties.

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